

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-6, 9, 18 and 19 have been rejected.

Claims 7, 8 and 10-17 have been objected to.

Claims 3 and 10 have been amended.

Claims 1, 2 and 9 have been cancelled.

Claims 20-26 have been added.

Appreciation is expressed for the indicated allowability of Claims 7, 8 and 10-17 if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have amended Claim 10 to incorporating all necessary limitations from claims from which Claim 10 depended. Applicants have further amended dependent Claim 3 to depend from Claim 10. Applicants have further provided new Claim 20, which incorporates limitations from dependent Claim 7, which the Final Office Action also indicated was allowable. Newly added dependent Claims 21-26 include limitations from previously presented claims, but are made dependent upon Claim 20. In light of these amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that the amended claims, and those claims depending therefrom, are in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejections and objections to these claims, and to provide an indication of the allowability of same.

Applicants further note that these limitations have been made to advance prosecution and should not be interpreted as conceding that the references cited in the Final Office Action are indeed prior art to the previously claimed invention. Applicants

reserve the right to pursue the previously presented claims and to argue the deficiencies of the references in, for example, a continuing application.

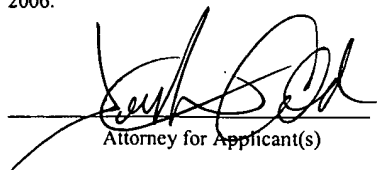
Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-6, 9, 18 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,094,575 issued to Anderson et al. ("Anderson"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

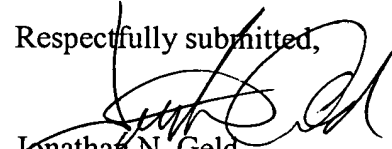
Applicants respectfully submit that, in light of the amendments made to the various claims, that these rejections are now moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application and the claims therein are believed to be in condition for allowance without any further examination and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 512-439-5090.

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